

Participating in S.N.A.P. events are (left to right) volunteer Sherry Gustin, S.N.A.P. Coordinator Karlyne Crewse, volunteer Magdalena Waidner and S.N.A.P. staff member Debbie Jerome. (Photo courtesy of: S.N.A.P.)

## Improving Quality of Life for our Special Needs Community ...at the S.N.A.P. of a finger!

One of the main goals of the Recreation Services Department is to maintain a leisure services system that is responsive to and directed by the diverse and changing needs of the community. One of the ways we do that is by offering special programming for our Special Needs friends. The Special Needs Activity Program, or S.N.A.P. as we like to call it, was created in the early 2000's to offer social, creative and educational activities for Prescott area adults with developmental and/or cognitive disabilities.

S.N.A.P. participants range in age from 18 to 70+ years and vary in their level of functionality. The program is designed to help them develop and address their desire to be an active participant in their communities, while also helping them to improve their socialization with others and create an avenue for creative expression. The program holds a craft night the fourth Monday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Bingo Night, typically the first Wednesday of the month from

6:00 pm to 7:15 pm and the ever so popular themed dance nights, which are held generally on the third Saturday of the month from 5:00 pm to 7:00pm. All events are held at the Grace Sparkes Memorial Activity Center at 824 E. Gurley St., in Prescott.

Prior to and during COVID, the program saw a slight decline in participation. In the height of the pandemic, the program was canceled. Now in 2023, the program is stronger than ever. The program is made possible by the servant hearts of volunteers, donations from community partners and businesses and the energetic and organized coordination of Recreation Coordinator Karlyne Crewse.

(Contributor: Karlyne Crewse)



Because S.N.A.P. is a nonprofit organization, it relies heavily on community support through donations and volunteerism.

If you are interested in donating items, such as food, bingo and door prizes or being a volunteer to help with event set-up, please contact: Karlyne Crewse at (928)777-1554 or via email at [Karlyne.crewse@prescott-az.gov](mailto:Karlyne.crewse@prescott-az.gov).

Monthly calendars for S.N.A.P. events can be found at <https://www.prescott-az.gov/recreation-events/programs-special-events/programs/special-needs>

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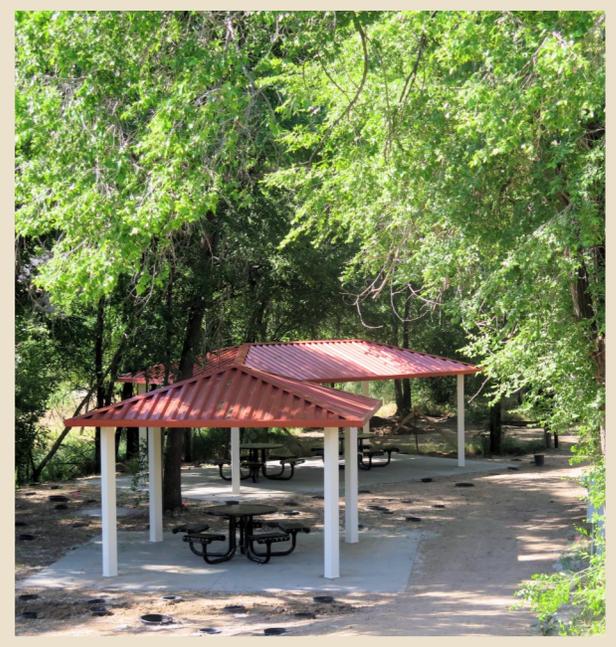
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# Trails & Natural Parklands

## Greenways Trail Map



New signage has been placed at trailheads (photo left). New benches, tables (bottom right), and shade ramadas (top right) have been added giving visitors more options for taking a break to rest and enjoy the beauty this downtown trail provides.

*(All Greenways Trail photos courtesy of: Nancy Nesbit)*

# Major Improvements along Greenways Trail

The Greenways Trails system as we know it today along the Granite Creek downtown corridor, was initially constructed in 2001 with Phase I. Phase II followed in 2009. The idea for an improvement project along the corridor started in 2019 when city leadership and local businesses gathered around the idea of revitalization, making it safer and more accessible for citizens and visitors. In 2021 the City contracted with the consulting firm PLAN-et on ways to connect the corridor to the community and nearby businesses. In late 2021 engineering plans were developed for the project which started in November 2022. Construction began in early 2023 and is now nearing completion.

Funding for the \$3 million dollar project consisted of a \$1 million grant from Arizona State Parks and Trails, \$200,000 from bed tax, \$600,000 from a donor with the balance from the water quality fund and the general fund.

Many of the improvements made are shown in the photographs. In addition to these, large boulders were stacked along the west edge of the trail and under the bridges to help with erosion and water control. The trail was also widened in many areas as well as smoothed out and manicured. All of these improvements will give many more trail users access as well as a more enjoyable, peaceful experience on this beautiful trail along Granite Creek right downtown in Prescott.

But, the plans for improvements along the Greenways continue. Future enhancements will include new lighting under the bridges and at various spots along the trail, landscape planting, two small ramadas, and two privately funded murals.

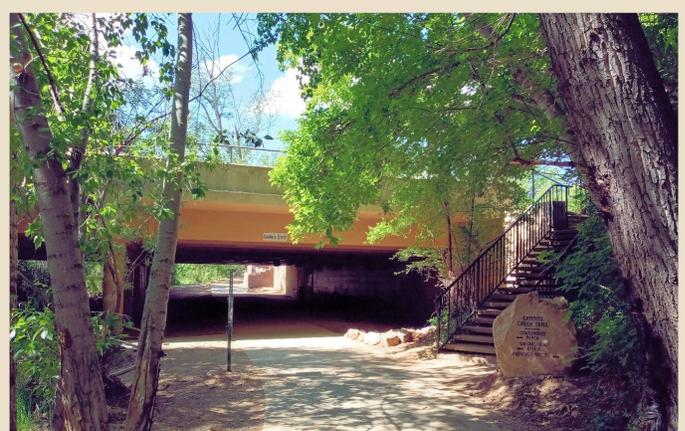
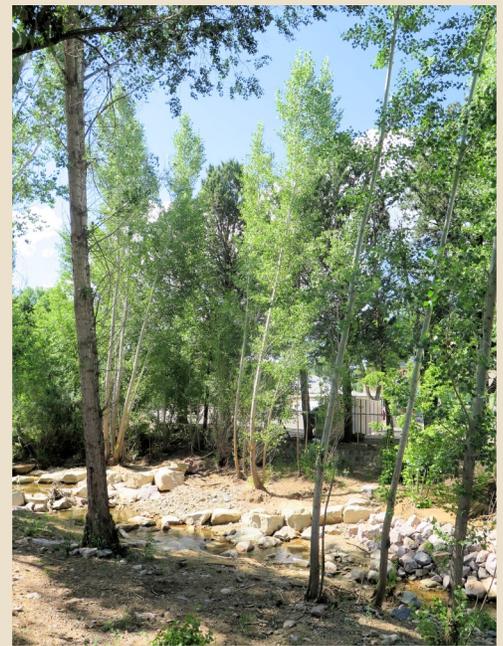
*(Contributors: Nancy Nesbit with Joe Baynes and Chris Hosking)*

**Boulders and other materials were brought in to help with erosion and the flow of water along Granite Creek.**

*(Top photos)*

**Easier access was added including a ramp at Goodwin Street. Concrete was installed under the bridges at Goodwin and Gurley Streets.**

*(Bottom photos)*



## Prescott 2023 Summer Special Events

Date	Event	Sponsor	Location	Website
July 1-3	Prescott Rodeo Days Fine Arts & Craft	Prescott Downtown Partnership	Courthouse Plaza	prescottdowntown.com
July 1	Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Parade	Prescott Frontier Days, Inc.	Prescott Rodeo Grounds	worldsoldestrodeo.com
July 1	Whiskey Row Boot Race	Hensley Beverage Company	Whiskey Row	
July 1	Prescott 4th of July Fireworks Event	Eagle Management & Events	Watson Lake	prescott.events
July 2	Prescott Fire Dept. Hose Cart Race	Prescott Fire Department	Cortez Street	
Aug. 4-6	Prescott Antique Auto Club Show	Prescott Antique Auto Club	Watson Lake	paacaz.com
Aug. 5-6	MAG Summer Fine Art Festival	Mountain Artist Guild	Courthouse Plaza	mountainartistguild.org
Aug. 26	Tac O' the Town	Eagle Management & Events	Mile High Middle School	prescott.events
Sep. 2-4	Faire on the Square Arts & Crafts	Prescott Chamber of Commerce	Courthouse Plaza	prescott.org
Sep. 9-10	Chain Events Music Festival	Chain Events	Watson Lake	chaineventsacing.com
Sep. 15-17	Prescott Pow-Wow	Granite Mountain Gourd Society	Watson Lake	prescottpowwow.org
Sep. 22-24	Prescott Highland Games	Prescott Area Celtic Society	Watson Lake	prescottareaceltic society.com
Sep. 22-24	All-Corvette Car Show	Prescott Vette Sette	Downtown	prescottvettesette.com
Sep. 30 - Oct. 1	Saddles 100 Trail Run		Cortez St.	ultrasignup.com

**The Prescott Fire Department Hose Cart Race is a family favorite in the City of Prescott. It is held annually on Cortez Street adjacent to Courthouse Plaza, where one can comfortably sit and enjoy the event in the shade under the trees.**

*(Photo Right, Courtesy of: Nancy Nesbit)*



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